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TAGS: PFOR, IR, AF  
SUBJECT: IRAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH COURT MINISTER ALAM YIPACWE  
HE PHILOSOPHIZED FOR SOME TIME ON DEVELOPMENTS IN  
AFGHANISTAN AS FOLLOWS:

2. ALAM SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR IRANIAN OFFICIALS NOT  
TO TAKE QTE I TOLD YOU SO UNGCE POSITWON REGARDING KING  
ZAHIR'S FATE. FORXNUMBER OF YEARS, SAID ALAM, PRIME  
MINISTERSLOMVEYDA AND OTHERS HAD WARNED KING ZAHIR  
REGARDING TROJAN HORSE HE WAS BUILDING UP IN SOVIET  
TRAINETLAFGHAN TROOPS WHICH WOULD ONE DAY JOIN FORCES  
WITH DISSIDENT ELEMENT IN AFGHAN SOCIETY TO OVERTHROW  
HIM. KING ZAHIR HAD ALWAYS DISMISSED THESE WARNINGS  
WITH ASSERTION HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND COULD  
CONTROL SITUATION, AND NOW HE HAD BEEN DEPOSED.

3. ALAM SAID HE WOULD WITH EQUAL CONVICTION MAKE NEW  
PREDICTION TO EFFECT THAT DAUD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO  
CONTROL HIS COLONELS WHO WOULD EVENTUALLY EITHER  
OVERTHROW HIM OR USE HIM AS FRONT FOR THEIR RULE.

4. ALAM COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY KING ZAHIR HAD TAKEN  
DEVELOPMENT LYING DOWN. HE CONTRASTED KING ZAHIR'S  
PERFORMANCE WITH THAT OF SHAH IN 1953 WHEN HE HAD  
RETURNED TO REGAIN POWER IN IRAN.

5. REGARDING HELMUND WATERS, ALAM NOTED THAT BOTH  
COUNTRIES WERE VERY CLOSE TO FINAL RATIFICATION. BY  
COINCIDENCE MAJLIS HAD APPROVED AGREEMENT JULY 17.  
SAME DAY AS

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W/ Some outside  
help & believe  
not only returning  
but convincing  
him to return  
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SAME DAY AS COUP, AND WITH SENATE APPROVAL EXPECTED  
SHORTLY IRANIAN RATIFICATION PROCESS WOULD BE COMPLETED  
VERY SOON. AS FOR DAUD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HELMAND WATERS  
AGREEMENT, ALAM SAID GOI HAD DECIDED NOT TO RAISE ISSUE  
AT THIS TIME EITHER PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY BUT TO TAKE  
POSITION THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED TO CHANGE RATIFICATION  
PROCESS AND IN DUE COURSE AFGHANISTAN WOULD FOLLOW SUIT WITH  
RATIFICATION.

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